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INDIA-PAKISTAN:**Averting War**

The Indians have invited the Pakistanis to New Delhi to find a way to defuse the situation, but Indian and Pakistani forces facing one another across the border remain on maximum alert.

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New Delhi ~~yesterday~~ answered Islamabad's requests for talks to defuse tensions with an invitation for Pakistani officials to visit New Delhi at their earliest convenience. Both Indian Prime Minister Gandhi and Pakistani President Zia have told the press they have no intention of starting a war.

for both sides had useful telephone talks over the weekend. President Zia left on schedule ~~yesterday~~ for the Islamic Conference summit in Kuwait following a special session of the National Assembly.

Comment: Both sides may hope the first diplomatic steps to defuse tensions succeed, but neither side will be in a hurry to withdraw troops from the border area. The Indians will continue to take full advantage of tensions to deploy its Army for domestic peacekeeping operations against the Sikhs in Punjab. The Pakistanis continue to be concerned about Indian military exercises and what they view as India's willingness to pressure Pakistan on the Soviets' behalf.

~~Meanwhile, both Armies are likely to continue their preparations for potential conflict until specifically ordered to stand down.~~

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